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A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

You have recently received your statements of taxes withheld from your wages during 1946. PUT THEM IN A SAFE PLACE. Duplicates cannot be issued, so take care of your slips. If you have any questions concerning them, contact the Head of your Department and he will take it up with the Treasurer's Office. It is a good idea to file your return promptly — then there is no chance to mislay your statement and any refund which you may be entitled to will be paid you promptly.

The next Blue Cross Deduction will be on your check of April 15th. Any one wishing to join should contact Mrs. Kimball in the Credit Office before March 1st in order to be included in the April 15th group.

All employees appreciate the opportunity of cashing checks at the designated place in Baker Basement. Now they also have an opportunity to save money. The Credit Union has set up shop close by the check-cashing service, and each pay-day the Treasurer and her assistants will receive applications for new memberships and deposits from old ones. The Credit Union is an easy way to save money and an inexpensive and convenient way to borrow, should the need arise. Seven hundred and thirty tickets were sold for the Christmas baskets, and the money raised will eventually help to pay dividends to the share holders.

WE APOLOGIZE

Apologies are in order for the error made in our last issue when, in our listing of service pin awards, we had Fred Cheney in the Laundry and Mary Flaherty in the Dietary Department. It seemed that half the personnel of the Hospital protested vigorously to such a transfer. What, was Fred going to the Laundry and there would be no more pastry? No one would stand for that, Fred—so we hereby apologize to them and to you and Mary. We hope you make them something "very special" real soon to prove you are still on the job in the Pastry Kitchen.

WE — THE EMPLOYEES

Administration

Holiday Greetings were received from Mr. W. B. Nash, formerly our Assistant to the Administrator. He asked to be remembered to all his friends in the Hospital. To all you who knew him, we pass his message along herewith.

Blood Bank

The Blood Bank Staff was much surprised recently when our newest member, Phyllis Broderick, announced her engagement to Mr. John Francis Ganley of Brighton. We are happy for Phyllis (and quite approve of "Red") but hope she will not leave us too soon.

Dietary

We all missed the cheery presence of Miss Winger, our Chief Dietitian, during the two weeks in January when she was finally able to get away for the completion of her last summer's vacation. She spent ten days in Rochester, New York, where she had worked at the Rochester General Hospital for over twenty-one years, and was entertained with a round of parties given by old friends. The rest of her fortnight was spent in New York and in Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Marion Lynch, First Assistant Dietitian, substituted for Miss Winger in addition to carrying on her own duties.

It was a pleasure for all of us to have the help of Miss Margaret Parker through the five months when she relieved in the Harris Hall Cafeteria, the Deaconess Special Diet Kitchen, and in the Palmer Therapeutic Diet Kitchen. We wish her much success as she finishes her studies in order to become an American Dietetic Association member. It is also nice to have the help of Miss Nancy Perkins again for a brief period, as she relieves in the Palmer Kitchen as Therapeutic Dietitian.

The relief girls and boys from the Palmer Kitchen got quite a thrill out of a party at the Cathay House in Chinatown on Tuesday evening, January 7th. "Ma" Walker and Miss Parker acted as chaperons. Later in the month, the Baker relief girls had the same kind of an evening's outing, with Miss Spillman and Miss Perkins chaperoning.

The Pay Cafeteria employees are enjoying the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Warner in fixing up an attractive Rest Room for them at one end of the Cafeteria.

A most delightful Christmas Tea was held in honor of the four Harris Hall employees who have worked here from 15 to 20 years. Nora Webb, who has been here the longest, "poured" once again as the Chief Guest of Honor. The other three guests were Isabel Smith, Ida Kane and Katherine McMahon, who have worked faithfully and willingly for over 15 years.

We wish to express our sympathy to Ida Kane for the loss of her father and to Mrs. Helen Warner for the loss of her mother.

Engineering

Did you know we have two busy bees in the Boiler Room? If you doubt it, ask Bill and Ben.

We were glad to welcome Eugene Hill back on the job. He was hospitalized because of an infected thumb. It was an absence which he did not enjoy, and apparently he was as happy to be back as we were to have him.

If you have a quick freeze problem, we recommend 165 Pilgrim Road —"brrrrr"!

Just a reminder—if we loan you tools, we would appreciate your returning them promptly. Thanks.

Laboratories

Norma Badger, who has been in charge of Haematology for three years and has been one of the night emergency chemists, is leaving to be married. She and her future husband are to open a Clinical Laboratory in Watertown.

Frances LaMothe, a former medical corpsman in the WAVES, who is taking on-the-job laboratory training with us, will replace Miss Badger on night emergency calls.

Rita Lundin, Chemical Laboratory Secretary, has left to take a secretarial position nearer her home in Abington.

The engagement has been announced recently of Charline Bailey of Newton Centre to Robert I. Carney of New Zealand. Miss Bailey returned to the Chemical Laboratory in December after working a year in Washington, D. C. Beside her regular work, she is doing some special studies for Dr. Warren on those members of the Staff of Harvard Medical School who are working with radio-active compounds.

A former technician, Sylvia Ward, returned to our staff recently, after a six months' vacation trip through the far west, including the Canadian Rockies and many of the National Parks.

A Christmas engagement was that of Lucille Lane of Salem to Stanley A. Hull, Jr., of Ipswich. Miss Lane is taking a year of training at the Deaconess to complete the pre-requisites for her Bachelor's Degree from Colby Junior College, and to fulfill the requirements for the Registry examination.

The former Priscilla March, now Mrs. Kenneth H. Myers, Jr., who was married three weeks after joining our staff, is also completing work for her degree from Colby Junior College and for the Registry examination.

Laundry

We are very pleased with the large number of service pins in evidence in our department. They are good morale boosters.

New materials for nurses' uniforms will soon be available. It will be treated with latex and will require no starching. We expect to make some tests of this new material very soon.

The Laundry has had its face lifted. Yes, sir, in preparation for the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Laundry Managers' Association on February 7th, we have been cleaned and painted and are ready, all spic and span, for their inspection. The original officers, elected at that first meeting held here ten years ago, plan to be present. These, as you know, included Leon Cooke and so we are looking forward with real pleasure to this opportunity of seeing our former Manager again. Inspection of the Laundry will be made; a business meeting will be held in Baker Class Room, where the group will also listen to an interesting speaker; and a luncheon will be served in Harris Hall under the capable direction of Miss Winger.

Nursing

On January 18th, twenty-four new students entered our School. They were welcomed at a Tea at Harris Hall and are ready to start their classes at Simmons.

January 22nd was the finishing date for six students of the class of 1947 and from now on the remainder of the Seniors will be completing their training. A colorful graduation luncheon was served to the class and to several guests at Harris Hall, under the direction of Mrs. Warner. A gift of lingerie was presented to Mrs. Warner by the class as a token of their appreciation of her interest.

Miss Dury, former Assistant Head Nurse on Palmer 4, has joined the Clinical Teaching Staff. Miss Thomas has taken over the position on Palmer 4.

Miss Edith Chamberlain, who has completed her studies at Columbia University, is back with us as Head of the Nursing Arts Department. She will be assisted by Miss Howland and Miss Eastman who will be studying part time at Boston University.

Best wishes to Betty Worth (Deaconess Operating Room) on her recent marriage. She became Mrs. Johnson on Friday, January 10th.

Marion Caverly Harcourt has been visiting with us for a few days from Pontiac, Michigan.

Deaconess 4 isn't the same place without Miss Hamlyn at her usual post. Patients and personnel alike miss her cheery presence. We are glad, however, that if Hamie had to

be a patient it was on her own floor, where all of the staff felt they had a chance to repay her in some small way for her consistent helpfulness. Incidentally, Hammie asked if we would take this opportunity to thank all her friends for their kindness, cards and flowers. Good luck, Hammie.

Pharmacy and Purchasing

Several changes have taken place in the Pharmacy personnel during the last month. The welcome mat is out for three new co-workers: Virginia Savage, who has been added to the office force; John Karmen, pharmacist, formerly with the Malden Hospital; and Lloyd Potter, oxygen therapist. We were sorry to lose Jerry Kaylor, who is moving to California. Little Jerry will certainly be missed, but we wish her the best of luck in her new life.

Marjorie Ford has just returned, after spending a month's leave in Bermuda. We've been trying to find out from her just what (or who) Bermuda has that would lure her away from Boston over the Christmas holidays.

Announcements have recently been received of the birth of a son, Bruce Edwin, to Eddie and Virginia Kinter on Monday, January 20th. Congratulations to Mother and Dad.

Congratulations are also in order for Bill Martin, our pharmacist, on his coming marriage to a Washington girl. May you be very happy, indeed.

Kay O'Leary's birthday was January 28th and was celebrated by Kay, Tommy White and Marjie Ford, who dined at the Colony Restaurant and then attended a performance of "Call Me Mister."

Now that John Karmen has become our third "John" — some method of designation seems necessary. It has been suggested that we call them "Big John," "Little John" and "Demi-John."

Record Rooms

Dorene Thompson is off again. Not content with a trip to California, she flew down to Florida in January to compare the climate of the two States. Cards from Sarasota look mighty nice. We surely envy you, Dodie. Where will it be in the Spring — Paris?

Bowling League

Bowling nights seem to be gaining in popularity. The number of attendants has increased each night and, on the 21st of January, four teams were in competition. There was real excitement during the evening and the girls practically burst with pride when one of their number finished with the highest average of the crowd. Yes, Kay O'Leary of Purchasing was the girl — with an average of 87.5, her high score being 101. Five strikes helped, of course. Mr. Sabine of Engineering was the runner-up, with an average of 87.0. At the end of the evening, the team's averages were

Pharmacy	79.06
Purchasing	78.88
Engineering	76.19
Executive Offices	67.56

If you want to join in the fun, alone or with a group from your department, call Charlie Schraub in the Pharmacy for details of time and place.

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